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1. [redacted] the body responsible for implementing collectivization projects and establishing the "sovkhoze" and "kolkhoze" system in Albania is the Agricultural Economic Commission, which functions under the State Agricultural Bureau.
2. By the summer of 1949 the Bureau controlled 7 mechanized tractor stations, with an aggregate pool of 134 tractors and 3,500 agricultural machines (compared with 2 tractors and 1,200 machines owned by the 56 peasant mutual aid societies).
3. Sovkhozes control 5,400 hectares of land (2% of the total area under cultivation), 100,000 head of cattle and 63 tractors (only 40 of which, however, are in working order). The remaining 21 tractors are being used on kolkhozes, although only 35 of these are normally in use, owing to breakdowns and lack of spare parts.
4. [redacted] the intention was to increase the area under collectivized cultivation to 7,100 hectares in 1949. This plan is no more likely to be realized, [redacted] than is the scheduled increase in the number of tractors from 134 to 217. Albania is unlikely to acquire more than 25 new tractors (10-15 from Czechoslovakia and 10 from the USSR). This would bring the aggregate total up to 159 tractors instead of the scheduled 217 for 1949.
5. The tractor repair shops at Vlone and Tirana have now been extended and to some degree modernized. The former are now employing 150 hands instead of 80 as in the past and, like the shops in Tirana, have opened a spare parts depot.

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